

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 12 and 14-34 are pending in the application. In the most recent Office Action, the Examiner issued an election requirement, requiring the Applicants to elect one of the following species:

Species I: Directed towards the first and second embodiments as disclosed in the specification and Figures 7-10e.

Species II: Directed towards the third and sixth embodiments as disclosed in the specification and Figures 12-13e and 18.

Species III: Directed towards the fourth and seventh embodiment as disclosed in the specification and Figures 14-15 and 20.

Species IV: Directed towards the fifth and eighth embodiments as disclosed in the specification and Figures 16a-17c and 21a-e.

Species V: Directed towards the ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth embodiments as disclosed in the specification and Figures 22-31.

Species VI: Directed towards the fourteenth and fifteenth embodiment as disclosed in the specification and Figures 32-34.

In response to the election requirement, Applicants elects Species VI without traverse. Claims 1-7 and 12 are readable on the elected species. Applicants also note that Figures 35 and 36 are directed towards the fifteenth embodiment as described in the specification.

Response to Election Requirement

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CONCLUSION

No fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0855. If there are any issues that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.532.6946.

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